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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SEMINAR

1. EACH YEAR WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY SPONSORS AN IMPORTANT SEMINAR ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER OVER 100 LEADING RESEARCHERS FROM INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES. SEMINAR THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT AIRLIE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 17-19. FIRST-DAY PROGRAM BEING ARRANGED BY PROFESSOR ITHIEL DE SOLA POOL OF MIT AND WILL DEAL WITH USE OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS BY DEVELOPING NATIONS. PROFESSOR POOL HAS THUS FAR ARRANGED FOR PRESENTATIONS BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.S., INDIA AND IRAN AND IS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM INDONESIA.

2. PRELIMINARY CONTACT BY COMMERCIAL MESSAGE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN PROFESSOR POOL AND DR. SETIJADI, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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EDUCATION AND CULTURE. PROFESSOR POOL HAS REQUESTED

DR. SETIJADI'S PARTICIPATION BUT HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF HIS FINAL DECISION. SINCE PROFESSOR POOL MUST FINALIZE ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY MARCH 18, HE HAS REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNICATING WITH DR. SETIJADI AND IN ARRANGING

FOR INDONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR.

3. PROFESSOR POOL WISHES TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF THIS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR. HE CAN PROVIDE UP TO 750 DOLS TO HELP DEFRAY DR. SETIJADI'S TRAVEL COSTS AND, IF DR. SETIJADI CAN SPEND ONE MORE DAY IN DISCUSSIONS AT MIT, AN ADDITIONAL \$500 CAN BE PROVIDED. IF DR. SETIJADI CANNOT ATTEND, DR. POOL REQUESTS THAT HE CONTACT PROFESSOR ISKANDAR ALISJAHEANA OF BANDUNG INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE COULD ATTEND UNDER SAME ARRANGEMENTS. WHILE INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND FULL THREE-DAY SEMINAR, HIS ACTUAL PARTICIPATION IS ONLY REQUIRED ON APRIL 17.

4. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PROMPT AND HOPEFULLY AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO PROFESSOR POOL'S REQUEST FROM EITHER DR. SETIJADI OR PROFESSOR ALISJAHEANA. INGERSOLL

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